

I spend hundreds of hours on the road in my car over the course of a year and the XM satellite radion has been the best thing that has ever happened! A lot of my traveling takes me through rural areas that do not have any type of a reception. The availability og the satellite radio allows me to travel anywhere throughout the United States while still being able to hear the radio stations that I am accustomed to listening to. Further, I think this is another attack on the private, free enterprise system. The stations are just jealous of how the new system has caught on and they are feeling it because people do not listen to commercial staions as they once did. I am one of those individuals. Another advantage of the satellite is it provides me an alternate source of programming to the "trash" that most of the commercials play. I strongly request that you reject the NAB petition number 04-160. Please feel free to contact me for further information. Dale Heidema! n